Trade vessel or vessels in lieu of the old vessel MV "ANDAMANS" to the continuity of employment from Calcutta 154 Home Trade seamen and 54 Bazarman/seamen to increase passenger traffic from Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands to Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Forward Seamen's Union of India, Calcutta has appealed to the Shipping Corporation of India for allotment of two passenger vessels on Calcutta/Port Blair service to be manned by Calcutta Home Trade seamen.

(b) MV "ANDAMANS" which plies on mainland/Andaman passenger service is the only vessel which draws her crew requirements from the pool of 154 Home Trade seamen maintained by Director, Seamen's Employment Office, Calcutta. Since MV "ANDAMANS" which is 32 years old is due for scrapping, the Forward Seamen's Union of India, Calcutta made this suggestion.

News item captioned Air India Exploiting Casual Labour

2686. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the INDIAN EXPRESS, Bombay dated the 18th July, 1989, captioned "AIR INDIA EXPLOITING CASUAL LABOUR";

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the daily wage of casual labour in Air India; if so, by which date; and

(c) what action Government have taken against such officers of Air India who were found responsible for alleged exploitation of casual labour belonging to the SC/ST?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Final settlement of wages for ground categories represented by Air-India Employees' Guild for the period 1-10-1985 to 31-8-1990 is in the process of being signed After signing of the settlement under the Industrial Disputes Act, rates payable to the casual labour employed by Air-India will be suitably revised.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Man-power in the Indian Airlines

2687. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Man-power both technical & non-technical in the Indian Airlines after the introduction of Airbus A-320 aircraft;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; what steps are being taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether Government have lifted the recruitment ban in Indian Airlines, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping in view the need for reduction in expenditure and improvement in resources, in December 1986, a general ban was imposed on public sector undertakings under this Ministry on creation of posts and filling vacancies. However the ban has been relaxed from time to time.

Now, the ban has been lifted and the PSUs can now fill up vacancies without reference to Government and also create posts as and when required, keeping the overall strength of the organisation limited to their present operational strength.

SC/ST officers on permanent foreign postings sent by Air India

2688. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of SC/ST officers sent abroad by Air India on permanent basis;

(b) what is the number of SC/ST officers considered and found unsuitable for permanent foreign postings by Air India and whether in their place non-SC/ST officers have been selected; if so what are the details thereof;

(c) the number of complaints received from SC/ST officers in this regard; and

(d) what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken by Government on the complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) 35 SC/ST officers of Air India have been sent abroad on permanent posting. There is no reservation for posting abroad and an officer for posting is selected depending on the requirement of the post.

(c) and (d) Representations are sometimes received from officers who are not posted abroad. Recently, a specific complaint was received that even though a certain officer was qualified, he was not considered for posting abroad. In this case, however a panel of officers including a senior officer reprsenting SC/ST community had not recommended the name of this officer for posting aboard. A suitable reply has been given to the concerned officer.

Non acceptance of promotional postings by P.G.Ts. of K.V.S.

6289. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Post Graduate Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas who fail to accept the offer of promotional posting as Vice-Principals are not considered by the DPC for one year thereafter;

(b) if so, the names of those who were offered promotional postings as Vice-Principal in 1987;

(c) the name of those Vice-Principals whose postings were made in 1987 and failed to join/accept the offer and were considered in 1988 by the DPC before expiry of one year; and

(d) the names of those who were debarred for one year in 1987 and were not considered even after a lapse of one bear?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d) A statement is annexed.

Statement

Non-Acceptance of Promotional Postings by P.G.Ts. of K.V.S.

(I) *Details of P.G.Ts. who were offered Promotion as Vice Principal in* 1987-88

1. Shri K. Shivnanda
2. Km. J.R. Patro
3. Shri B.B. Vaid
4. Shri S.P. Singh